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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-18 and 20-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 14, 24, 32, 36 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 3, 5-13, 15-18, 20-23, 25-31, 33-39 and 41-44 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 40 is objected to because of the following informalities: In In. 6, Examiner suggests replacing "means, responsive to the means for determining ..." with -- means for responding to the means for determining ... -- to be consistent with other limitations found in this claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. **Claims 1,14,24,32,36,40** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Cl. 1,14,24,32,36,40 are amended with "using a common channel coding including a common spreading code." However, the amendment read together with the original claim, "a method of communicating with a wireless terminal [that comprises] ... simultaneously communicating between the wireless terminal and respective ones of the first and second nodes according to the identified second radio configuration using a

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common channel coding including a common spreading code" is not what is taught in the Specification of the invention and is new matter.

It is well known in the art, and the Specification discloses in para. [0004], that spreading codes offers a capability in which a terminal can transition from a first base station to a second base station. That is, each wireless terminal is assigned individual spreading code in order for a base station 28 to identify transmissions from that particular mobile station, or the wireless terminal uses its own spreading code to identify transmission from base station on a common channel.

Moreover, in para. [0019], Specification discloses that a given base station can support different radio configurations, and "these radio configurations comprise respective configurations of spreading codes ... that may be applied to transmitted information ..." That is, the base station, not the wireless terminal, has the capability of multiple spreading codes and thus decoding the received information from wireless terminals.

The Specification discloses " a method of communicating with a wireless terminal" which seems to originate from a node or base station. However, the Specification does not disclose a method that is "simultaneously communicating between the wireless terminal and respective ones of the first and second nodes according to the identified second radio configuration using a common channel coding including a common spreading code" which seems to originate from the wireless terminal traveling between two nodes, and this is new matter.

Furthermore, a method that is communicating with a wireless terminal is also simultaneously communicating between the same wireless terminal and two nodes using a common channel coding including a common spreading code, is new matter.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. **Claims 1,14,24,32,36,40** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear what is the direction of communication "using a common channel coding including a common spreading code" as amended in all these claims and what is the significance of which to the invention. It is well known in the art that simultaneous communication over a common channel requires spreading code.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2,3,5-13,15-18,20-23,25-31,33-39,41-44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blanche Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-3177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830am to 530pm.

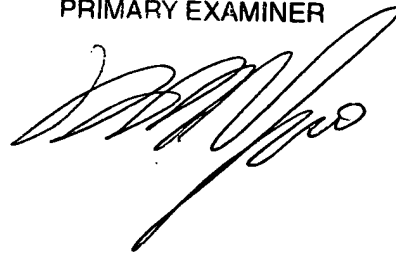
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 1, 2005

KWANG BIN YAO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwang Bin Yao', is written over the printed name and title.